

WASHINGTON.

Final Passage of the \$400,000,000 Loan Bill.

THE TARIFF BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

Action of the Senate on the Tax Bill.

Speculations as to Changes in the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1865.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT OF GENERAL SHERMAN.
The truth and falsity of the reports in regard to the preparations making at Lynchburg for the anticipated falling back of Lee and his army from Richmond will be soon ascertained, as means have been taken to fully investigate the matter, and an investigating committee has been dispatched by General Sherman for that purpose, whose report will be looked for with much interest.

ALL THE SICK AND WOUNDED SENT AWAY FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.
All the sick and wounded have been sent away from the Army of the Potomac. Several hundred arrived here to-day, and were distributed among the different hospitals.

CHANGES IN THE CABINET AND OTHER OFFICERS.
Speculations relative to changes in the Cabinet have been numerous to-day, and, as usual, contradictory. It is reported on one hand that a new Secretary of the Treasury and a Secretary of the Interior are all the changes which are to be made. The gossip relative to the succession of Mr. Usher in the Interior Department is continued by J. B. Doherty, of Illinois; Senator Harlan, of Iowa, and Senator Hamilton, of Maine. The best information to be obtained to-day leads to the conclusion that Senator Harlan is to be the coming man.

It is reported that some forty of those drafted here yesterday have already taken leg and departed for parts unknown.
The bill in relation to the Pacific Railroad was then taken up.

THE TARIFF BILL.
The House went into Committee of the Whole, and resumed the consideration of the bill amendatory of the laws imposing duties upon foreign importations.

Mr. WILSON, (rep. of Mass.), from the Military Committee, reported a bill to give the Chief of Staff of the Lieutenant General the rank and pay of a brigadier general, which was passed.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.
The bill for the appropriation of a full Army Register of volunteers and regular officers, now and hereafter in the service, was passed.

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THE LOAN BILL PASSED.
The Senate has passed the six hundred million Loan Bill precisely as it went from the House, and as published in the New York morning papers. It requires only President Lincoln's signature to become a law.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE.
The new tariff bill passed the House to-day without a dissenting vote. It was passed by an unexpectedly large majority.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.
The Army Appropriation bill, as reported by the Committee of Conference, and agreed to, prohibits future payments to the Illinois Central Railroad for the transportation of government troops and munitions of war, they having received land grants in consideration of war, they having received such service free of charge.

THE DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.
The Senate this afternoon gave way on the appropriation in the Deficiency Bill to pay the House employees the twenty per cent additional compensation voted them last session, against which they have so stubbornly contended, and instructed the Committee of Conference to agree to it. This bill will now be passed, and an extra session avoided, as well as long needed relief afforded to several important interests to the government.

THE PORTAGE BILL DEFEATED.
The prompt rejection by the House this afternoon of the Conference Committee's report on the Portage bill, which authorized postmaster to open unpaid letters for the purpose of returning them to the writers, shows that Congress is not disposed to entrust so dangerous a power in the hands of a multitude of postmasters and clerks. Unpaid letters should not be opened at all, but if double duty is not sufficient to prevent omission of prepayment, then let them be trebled or quadrupled; but the letters should be forwarded and promptly delivered.

TRADE WITH REBEL STATES.
The House to-day repealed the eighth section of the act regulating trade and commerce with the insurrectionary States, which provides for the appointment of agents for the purchase of cotton and other products on behalf of the government. If the Senate endorse this action of the House it will break up the system, not yet fairly in operation, but under which considerable quantities of cotton have already been obtained.

THE CONGRESSIONAL WAR COMMITTEE.
The Committee on the Conduct of the War have been authorized to sit for ninety days after the termination of the session, in order to complete the investigation of matters connected with the war, particularly the River and Fort Fisher expedition. Admiral Porter is expected to arrive here this week, in answer to the summons of the committee, to testify in both cases.

APPROVAL OF BILLS BY THE PRESIDENT.
The President has approved the Fortification bill, the appropriations in which were cut down just one-half the amount which was originally reported. He has also approved the bill providing that no part of any ship or vessel shall be measured or registered for tonnage that is used for cabins or state rooms and constructed entirely above the first deck, which is not a deck to the hull.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE.
The Senate has confirmed Mr. S. I. Johnston to be postmaster at Port Royal, S. C., and Mr. B. J. McKim to be collector and refiner of the Branch Mint in California.

RECRUITING FOR THE ARMY.
The following important and encouraging information has been obtained from an authentic source:—On the 27th day of February, 1865, 6,568 men were enlisted into service. The average number of men enlisted during the last three days of February is 2,200. If recruiting is kept up, the army will be speedily reinforced to the extent necessary to put an end to the war.

REPORT ON THE FETTERING MINES FAILURE.
The President sent to the Senate to-day a message on the opinion on and finding of the Court of Inquiry instituted by him in the matter of the Petersburg mine. The opinion is signed by Major General W. S. Hancock, President of the Court. After narrating the circumstances of the mine, the failure is ascribed to the following named officers:—

General Burnside, in not obeying the orders of the Commanding General in the formation of the mine; in not preparing in a proper and suitable manner the mine, and in not employing engineering officers to lead the columns with the working parties. The Court is satisfied that General Burnside believed the mine would be a success.

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E. ROPE.

The Moravian at Portland with Two Days Later News.

Commercial and Financial Effects of the American Peace Reports.

The Rebel Ram Olinda Still at Ferrol.

Napoleon's Speech to the French Legislature.

THE AMERICAN WAR NOT MENTIONED.

Treaty of Peace Between Spain and Peru.

DEATH OF CARDINAL WISEMAN.

The steamship Moravian, Captain Atton, which left Liverpool at two o'clock on the afternoon of February 28, and London on the 17th, arrived at Portland, Me., at half past five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The treaty of peace has been signed between Spain and Peru. The latter pays an indemnity of four hundred million reales.

The Prussian Chamber of Deputies, after an animated debate, agreed by a large majority, and in spite of the ministerial opposition, to a resolution in favor of the abolition of the laws against coalition of working men.

The steamship Hibernian, from Portland, arrived at London at half past six o'clock on the morning of the 16th of February.

The American Question.
The peace negotiations in London have been the subject of much discussion in the American press.

The London Times remarks that the failure of negotiations in London has been a great disappointment to the American people.

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Our Havana Correspondence.

The steamship Finisterre arrived last evening from Vera Cruz, with five hundred sick, wounded and discharged soldiers returning to France.

By this arrival we have the important news of the unconditional surrender to Marshal Bazaine, on the 9th inst., of the city of Oajaca and its garrison of seven thousand men. Porfirio Diaz attempted to make his escape, disguised as a muleteer, or teamster, but was discovered, arrested and instantly shot. We must await the arrival of the Spanish mail steamer, on the 10th inst., for further details.

In the State of Michoacan the guerrillas of Don Juan Rojas and Romero were attacked and annihilated by Colonel Barthelemy, after a severe fight, in which Rojas was killed. Romero was captured and instantly shot. Some other smaller parties of those that swarm in the southwestern part of the country have also met with severe punishment at the hands of the French, who were no quarter, most probably in retaliation for the "instructions," of which I sent you a copy a short time since.

You may rely upon the above news being perfectly correct.

News by Way of San Francisco.
San Francisco, Feb. 28, 1865.

The steamship John F. Stephens, from Mazatlan, brings seventy-five thousand dollars in treasure and a quantity of silver ore.

Mazatlan is entirely blocked up; no one can go to the interior except at the risk of his life. Trade is at a standstill. The Mexican guerrillas are very bold, and the French shoot at all whom they catch. Early in the morning the French burned the village because the people had not given notice of the approach of the guerrillas. A French officer, who brought in twenty-four guerrillas as prisoners, was severely reprimanded for not shooting them at the time of their capture.

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